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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE TO THE DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: Conference on SWNCC paper, "Assignment of Additional Personnel to the Security Advisory Board". Memorandum by the Secretariat, State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee.

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1. Lt. Colonel Fields of the SWNCC Secretariat presented paper, same subject (TAB A), to the NIA Secretary asking for comment by CIG on the paper. For comment of Assistant Director, OCD, see TAB B. For comment of ICAPS see buck slip attached to TAB B.

2. Mr. Edgar, Chief of ICAPS, arranged a conference concerning the paper with Mr. Harold Mosely and Lt. Colonel Fields of the SWNCC Secretariat, Mr. Edgar and me attending.

3. At this conference the following points were emphasized:

- a. CIG had no objection to the conclusions and recommendations in paragraphs 6 and 7, TAB A, since CIG is not involved and the conclusions and recommendations appeared to us a reasonable interim measure.
- b. Paragraph 4a, TAB A, which states that NIA has been completely organized and has a Security Section whose duties may eventually parallel or overlap the duties of SAB, and which also states that informal conversations between the SWNCC Secretariat and personnel of the NIA Secretariat indicated that NIA would be willing to assume certain, if not all of the SAB functions should be deleted and a subparagraph substituted to merely indicate that informal discussions between the SWNCC Secretariat and personnel of CIG indicate a possibility that CIG might appropriately assume certain SAB functions.
- c. That CIG is precluded from exercising any internal security and police functions; consequently CIG could never assume the responsibility for investigating and clearing security of individuals employed by other Governmental agencies and departments.
- d. The principle interest of CIG in the activities of SAB would appear to ensue from CIG's interest in the security of intelligence methods and procedures. It was also pointed out that if SWNCC were interested in obtaining from CIG an expression of opinion concerning which, if any, of SAB functions

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could appropriately be assumed by CIG, possibly the best method would be for SWNCC to send to CIG for comment in this regard a paper outlining the functions of SAB and the current authority for these functions. It was also stated to Mr. Mosely and Lt. Colonel Fields that CIG had no objection to adding a recommendation to the SWNCC paper (TAB A) that the SWNCC Secretariat be authorized to explore with CIG which, if any, of the functions of the SAB might appropriately be assumed by CIG.

4. I recommend that the attached papers be returned to ICAPS to hold pending any further discussions which may be initiated in this matter by the SWNCC Secretariat.

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Colonel, GSC
Assistant Executive Director

Encl:

TAB A - SWNCC paper.
TAB B - Memo from OCD.

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